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Madurai-Kanyakumari Double Rail Track Mission
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to execute the Madurai-Kanyakumari double rail track mission by splitting it into two projects, one as Madurai-Maniyacchi-Tuticorin and another from Maniyacchi-Nagercoil;

(b) if so, the time frame fixed to complete these two projects; and

(c) whether the Government will consider to allocate these two projects to two different agencies for early and timely completion and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Doubling of Madurai-Kanyakumari section has to be executed through the following doubling projects which are already included in Railway budget subject to requisite clearances:
(i) Madurai-Maniyachi-Tuticorin (80 kms)
(ii) Maniyachi-Nagercoil (170 kms)
(iii) Trivandrum-Kanyakumari (85 kms).
Out of these, Madurai-Maniyachi-Tuticorin and Maniyachi-Nagercoil doubling projects have been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution while Trivandrum-Kanyakumari doubling project is being executed by Construction Organisation of Southern Railway. The total sanctioned cost and outlay proposed for 2016-17 for the three projects taken together are ` 3360.00 crore and ` 540.00 crore respectively.
As funding of these projects in coming years will depend on overall availability of funds, time lines for completion of these projects have not been fixed.

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